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PICKUP APPARATUS, IMAGE PICKUP  
APPARATUS UNIT, KEY GENERATING  
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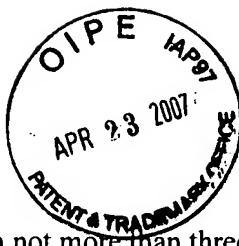
A copy of Japanese Publication No. 2002-183860, as mentioned on page 2 of the specification as filed, is provided. Its relevance can be seen from the discussion at pages 1 to 3 of the specification as filed, and its English language Abstract.

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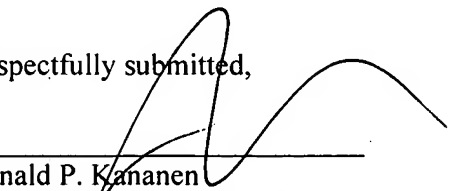
counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in an Action dated February 5, 2007 in connection with the corresponding Japanese priority application.

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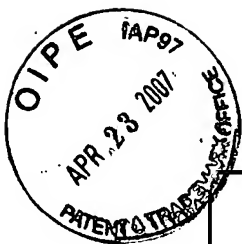
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